



**Brighton
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Ordinary Meeting Agenda

21 July 2026

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that the next **Ordinary Council Meeting** of the Brighton Council will be held at **5.30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, 21st July 2026**, to discuss business as printed below.

Qualified Person Certification

I hereby certify that, in accordance with Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any advice, information and recommendation contained in the reports related to the Agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations.

Dated at Old Beach this *16th* day of *July 2026*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'J Banks', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Janine Banks
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Being the General Manager as appointed by Brighton Council
pursuant to Section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

AGENDA

1. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is to make a verbal statement at the beginning of the meeting to the effect that:-

- (a) An audio recording is being made of this meeting;
- (b) All persons attending this meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and
- (c) Language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Brighton Council acknowledges the palawa/pakana (Tasmanian Aboriginal) community as the traditional and original owners of the skies, land and water of lutruwita (Tasmania) and forward our respect to their elders both past and present.

Brighton Council acknowledges the continued connection the Tasmanian Aboriginal people still have to the skies, land and water of lutruwita that provides them with the food, medicine and craft celebrated through ceremony today.

3. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr A De La Torre has requested leave of absence for this meeting.

4. NOTIFICATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PARENTAL LEAVE

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting -16 June 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th June 2026, be confirmed.

DECISION:

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda. In accordance with Section 48(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is the responsibility of councillors to then notify

the Chief Executive Officer, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS

In accordance with the requirements of Regulations 33, 36, 37 & 38 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

- Nicki Kastner from 'Her Strength, Her Story' will address Council regarding their support for the Butterflies and Boots Gala Ball and provide an update on the work they are doing in the family and domestic violence space.

7.1 Public Questions on Notice

Nil.

8. COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

8.1 Councillor Questions on Notice

In accordance with Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting.

Nil.

8.2 Councillor Questions without Notice

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice. The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question. The chairperson may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

9.1 Mayor's Communications

19/06/2026	TasWaste South Strategy Workshop
22/06/2026	ALGA Board NGA Briefing
23/06/2026	Media Event – Tassie Devils
24/06/2026	Brighton Pontville Local Area Plan Steering Committee Meeting
25/06/2026	TasWater General Meeting
30/06/2026	LGAT 360 Performance Review Meeting
02/07/2026	Meeting with St Ann's Living & Council staff

07/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony
07/07/2026	Council Workshop
08/07/2026	Meeting with The Young Group & Director, Governance/HR
08/07/2026	Meeting with Pod-Matrix & Director, Governance/HR
08/07/2026	Meeting with Liverpool Engineering & Director, Governance/HR
08/07/2026	LGAT Service Awards Meeting
08/07/2026	Meeting with Kalis Group and Director, Governance/HR
08/07/2026	Meeting with Hobart Zoo & Aquarium and Director, Governance/HR
16/07/2026	ALGA Board Induction
21/07/2026	Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

DECISION:**9.2 Reports from Council Representatives****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the reports from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:**10. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email from Pam Harvey dated 29 June 2026 thanking Council for the use of the Civic Centre for the Quilters Easter Showcase.
- Letter to Minister Kerry Vincent dated 1 July 2026 from CEO James Dryburgh regarding Brighton Council Submission on the Draft Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy.
- Letter to Minister Kerry Vincent dated 10 July 2026 from the Greater Hobart Councils Partnership regarding the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

11. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(3) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the agenda is to make provision for the date and purpose of any council workshop held since the last meeting.

One (1) Council workshops has been held since the previous Ordinary Council meeting.

A workshop was held on the 7th July 2026 at 4.30pm to receive a briefing from TasWaste South CEO; Brighton Hub Structure Plan; Cricket Club Proposals for Pontville and CEO Performance Review.

Attendance: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons (via Teams); Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh & Cr Owen.

Apologies: Cr Whelan

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide to deal with a matter that is not specifically listed on the agenda if:-

- (a) the general manager has reported the reason for which it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) the general manager has reported that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) the general manager has certified under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* that the advice has been obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

DECISION:

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no Committee meetings held in July.

15. PETITIONS

Nil.

16. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is to advise the meeting that Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 16 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

Nil.

17. OFFICERS REPORTS

17.1 Location of "Jerry" Sculpture

Attachment:	State Growth Location Map
Author:	Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)
Approved:	Acting Chief Executive Officer (J Banks)

Background

The "Jerry" sculpture by artist Tony Woodward was commissioned by the Rockefeller family for the new Green Point Plaza shopping centre in Bridgewater, which was completed in 2007. The sculpture is a unique depiction of the fog that we all know as the Bridgewater Jerry. "Jerry" takes on a human form to lovingly embrace the township of Bridgewater and was originally placed at the front of the Bridgewater Library, which was located within the shopping centre area at the time.

Over the years "Jerry" and his mosaic tiles became quite degraded and subject to vandalism.

May 2021

In May 2021, the Café Connections community group requested a meeting with council officers to discuss a concept the group had been working on to support community pride in our Bridgewater area. The Bridgewater Jerry fog, as a weather phenomenon, was centre to this idea of promotion and building of community pride as an initiative by members of the Café Connections group. Three (3) members of the group pitched their idea to council officers from Asset Services and Development Services. A 'Bridgewater Jerry Walkway' that included historical interpretation signs along the waterfront was central to this idea. The "Jerry" sculpture was featured in the presentation as a community asset and became a focus of discussions at Café Connections. This was the beginning of the Bridgewater Jerry Photo Competition idea, which is now run annually by Café Connections and sponsored by Asthma Australia.

November 2021

Cr Phil Owen, as a regular attendee at Café Connections instigated and supported the removal of the "Jerry" sculpture by Council to the Works Depot to prevent further degradation. The "Jerry" sculpture was removed from the original site in November 2021 with the intention that "Jerry" would eventually be restored and relocated to an appropriate location to provide more prominence for "Jerry", safety and passive surveillance once restored.

In 2022, initial quotes were received from the artist's sister Margaret Woodward for the restoration of the sculpture.

November 2023

Council officers were contacted by a member of the New Bridgewater Bridge team from State Growth who were managing stakeholder communications and had seen the removal of “Jerry” from the Green Point location to the depot on Council’s social media. State Growth were doing some work around the Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the New Bridgewater Bridge Project and keen to look at whether “Jerry” might feature in some aspects of this plan.

December 2023

Council officers invited State Growth to meet with members of Café Connections to view “Jerry” at the Works Depot and discuss with Café Connections the possibility of “Jerry” being included at the foreshore near the bridge, as part of the heritage interpretation work and a desire to feature the phenomenon of the Bridgewater Jerry in some way in the New Bridge precinct. Café Connections agreed in principle to this idea of “Jerry” being included in the plan but with the stipulation of safety, passive surveillance and appropriate interpretation being required at the relocation site.

January 2025

As the opening of the New Bridgewater Bridge draws ever closer, plans for the landscaping of the precinct immediately near the bridge are being undertaken by State Growth. Council officers were contacted by State Growth enquiring on the progress of the restoration of “Jerry” and if Café Connections were still open to the sculpture being located in an area near the New Bridge (please see attached map).

In February 2025, Council endorsed the use of the Public Art Strategy 2024/25 budget for the restoration of “Jerry” based on a revised 2025 quote provided by Margaret Woodward. The remaining funds (\$2,106.00) for this project would be allocated from the Promotion of the Municipality budget item.

February 2025

Council officers met on site with State Growth to view the potential locations for “Jerry” on the waterfront as part of the proposed landscaping. State Growth was reminded that this is a decision that needed to be made in consultation with Café Connections, given their initiatives related to the Bridgewater Jerry and interest in the preservation of “Jerry” as a community asset.

Manager Community Development and Engagement met with the Café Connections group on 25 February during one of their regular gatherings at the Bean to Brew Café, to communicate to the group the proposal from State Growth.

The group discussed several options, including “Jerry” being located at the Civic Centre.

These discussions were outlined by Moira Davidson, the co-ordinator of the group in an email attached post the meeting.

July 2026

The restoration work by Margaret Woodward (sister of the late Tony Woodward the original artist) is now entering its final chapter, with the iconic Jerry sculpture just weeks away from being fully restored.

Margaret has reported that the project is now almost complete.

"I'm happy to report Jerry is pretty much done. There are only his legs and feet left to finish, with just one or two more visits needed to complete the grouting and polishing."

Alongside the mosaic restoration, Jerry's bronze components have been professionally repaired by artisan Curtis Hore, with the work undertaken through Dobsons. The final lettering on the marble plinth is also being prepared.

State Growth are proposing that if Council is in agreement, the Jerry Sculpture is placed in the landscaped 'sculpture area' on the riverbank underneath the new Bridgewater Bridge and just to the right as you are heading south. This is where the main large sculpture commissioned by State Growth will also be installed. Please see attached concept location map provided by State Growth. State Growth will naturally be covering the costs of installation and landscaping at this site should Council agree to this new location for "Jerry". However, they have requested that Council transport Jerry to the site once they are ready to install.

The timeframe has been indicated as end of 2026: "We're hoping to get both done by the end of the year." *State Growth, 16 June 2026.*

Consultation

Café Connections; Senior Management Team; Margaret Woodward Design

Risk Implications

That the final chosen location does not provide sufficient passive surveillance and protection of the restored "Jerry" from vandalism.

Financial Implications

Unknown.

Strategic Plan

1.3 ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.

1.4 encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities.

Social Implications

Enhancing community infrastructure

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

The “Jerry” sculpture is an important and treasured community asset with its link to the Bridgewater Jerry fog. In a similar way to the Café Connections community group thinking, State Growth has chosen to associate and illuminate this well-known phenomenon as part of the heritage interpretation on and around the New Bridgewater Bridge. This was motivation for State Growth to have “Jerry” located near the bridge and river as part of the amenity in the precinct immediately adjacent the New Bridge. The decision of where to locate “Jerry” needs to be carefully weighed up based on future safety for “Jerry” and relevance to the proposed location.

Options

1. Based on concept map provided by State Growth, Council agrees to State Growth’s proposal and once the site is prepared, “Jerry” is located on the Bridgewater foreshore near the New Bridgewater Bridge.
 2. Council locates “Jerry” at the front of the Civic Centre in Green Point Road, Bridgewater.
 3. Other.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agrees to State Growth’s proposed location, “Jerry” is located on the Bridgewater foreshore near the New Bridgewater Bridge (see Concept Map attached).

DECISION:

17.2 Policy Review - Council Buildings - Hire Fees/Waiver Requests Policy

Attachment: Policy 8.2
Author: Corporate & Risk Officer (J Jankus)
Approved: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

Each year, Council receives numerous requests to waive or further reduce hire fees beyond 50%. Most of these requests are approved by Council, as they promote positive health and wellbeing and increase community connection.

By adopting this revised policy, the administrative workload of preparing reports for every discount or waiver request (especially those with low financial value) will be reduced. The CEO would have authority to waive up to \$1000 and Directors up to \$500, noting that anything that exceeds \$1000 or outside of this policy, would still require formal Council approval.

In summary, the amendments to this policy improve efficiency while maintaining appropriate oversight and accountability for these requests.

Consultation

Director Corporate Services, Executive Officer – Governance & Business Improvement and Corporate & Risk Officer.

Risk Implications

The policy has a structured assessment criteria in which all requests will be assessed within the framework of the criteria.

Financial Implications

The policy outlines a pre-determined value and limit on what the CEO/Directors are permitted to waive or discount according to the policy.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.1: Engage with and enable our community.

Goal 4.2: Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

Goal 4.4: Ensure financial and risk sustainability.

Social Implications

The policy will allow faster delivery of outcomes to the community.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The Policy allows staff to make quicker decisions for specific events involving community groups and reduces the need for formal council approval for smaller value proposals brought forward.

Options

1. As per recommendation
 2. Don't approve the Policy
 3. Amend Policy
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt Council Buildings - Hire Fees/Waiver Requests Policy (Policy 8.2).

DECISION:

17.3 Brighton District Cricket Club - Write off Bad Debt

Author: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

When the Pontville Pavilion was constructed in 2020, the Brighton District Cricket Club and the Brighton Football Club were joint licence holders for the venue. In 2023, the Brighton District Cricket Club went into recess, leaving Council with outstanding debts totalling \$12,628.53. The debt is made up from \$8,188.90 being for Aurora Charges and \$4,439.63 which is ground hire fees.

The amount remained recorded as an outstanding debtor on the basis that the club may have been reactivated in the future and that repayment could potentially be pursued if the club resumed operations. The club has not recommenced operations and Council is now considering alternative arrangements for cricket operations at Pontville Park.

Council's Debtor Management Policy provides that debts over \$1,000 that are deemed uncollectable are to be referred to Council for a decision. The outstanding amount exceeds the Chief Executive Officer's delegated authority and therefore requires Council approval before it can be written off.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services.

Risk Implications

There is a low financial reporting risk if debts that are no longer considered recoverable remain recorded as outstanding debtors. Retaining unrecoverable amounts may overstate Council's receivables and affect the accuracy of Council's financial position.

Financial Implications

The outstanding debt totals \$12,628.53. If approved, the amount will be written off in Council's accounts as an unrecoverable debt.

Writing off the debt will ensure Council's financial records accurately reflect the recoverability of outstanding debtors. The write-off does not prevent Council from maintaining clear debtor management processes, but recognises that, based on the current circumstances, there are no reasonable prospects of recovery.

Strategic Plan

The recommendation furthers the following strategies from Council's Strategic Plan:

4.2 – Be well governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

4.4 – Ensure financial and risk sustainability.

Social Implications

Nil

Assessment

The Brighton District Cricket Club has been in recess since 2023 and has not resumed operations. Council has retained the outstanding debtor balance to allow for the possibility that the club may be reactivated and the debt pursued. Based on the time that has passed and Council's current consideration of alternative arrangements for cricket operations at Pontville Park, it is now unlikely that the club will recommence in a form that would enable recovery of the outstanding amount.

Council's debtor management framework provides that all reasonable attempts should be made to recover outstanding debts before they are written off and that debts greater than \$1,000 require Council approval where they are deemed uncollectable. In this case, the amount is above the Chief Executive Officer's delegated authority and is considered unrecoverable due to the club being in recess and the absence of any reasonable prospect of repayment.

Writing off the debt is considered appropriate as it will ensure Council's accounts accurately reflect the value of recoverable debtors and support transparent financial reporting. The recommendation is consistent with sound financial management and Council's obligation to maintain accurate financial records.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Retain the outstanding debt on Council's accounts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the write-off of the outstanding debt of \$12,628.53 owed by the Brighton District Cricket Club and authorises the amount to be recorded as a bad debt write-off in Council's accounts.

DECISION:

17.4 Pontville Sports Pavilion - Cricket

Attachment(s): SCA Proposal & Northern Cricket Magpies Proposal

Author: Corporate & Risk Officer (J Jankus)

Authorised: Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

Background

Council has been approached by the Southern Cricket Association and the Northern Magpies Cricket Club, to utilise the Pontville Park to expand each club's operations in the area.

A workshop was recently conducted with Council to address the summer operations of the precinct as the space is underutilised during this period. The Brighton District Cricket Club has been in recess since 2023, creating a void.

Consultation

Director Corporate Services, Director Asset Services, Elected Members

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

An underutilised venue results in minimal revenue returns.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.1 Engage with and enable our community

Goal 1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities

Goal 4.3 Ensure strong engagements and relations to shape the agenda and advocate for our community

Social Implications

Nil

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The proposals from the Southern Cricket Association and Northern Magpies Cricket Club were considered at a recent Council workshop. In assessing both proposals, consideration was given to the current underutilisation of Pontville Park during the summer season, the absence of a local cricket club following the Brighton District Cricket Club entering recess in 2023, and the opportunity to re-establish a stronger local cricket presence within the Brighton municipality.

On balance, the Southern Cricket Association proposal is considered to provide the stronger community outcome. Establishing a new club with a home base at Pontville provides an opportunity to build a club identity connected to the local area, encourage participation from residents, and support long-term use of the precinct. This approach is considered preferable to the expansion of an existing club whose primary membership and operations are predominantly based outside the municipality.

Supporting the Southern Cricket Association proposal would assist in activating Pontville Park over the summer period, increase utilisation of Council facilities, and provide a pathway for renewed local cricket participation. It also aligns with Council's strategic objectives to enable community participation, support recreational opportunities, and strengthen local connections through effective use of community assets.

Options

1. Approve the Southern Cricket Association Club to establish a homebase at Pontville.
 2. Approve Northern Magpies Cricket Club proposal.
 3. Other
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the proposal from the Southern Cricket Association to establish a new cricket club home base at Pontville Park, noting the proposal provides the strongest opportunity to activate the precinct during summer, rebuild local cricket participation, and deliver broader community benefit for the Brighton municipality.

DECISION:

17.5 Policy Review - Residential Use in the Agriculture Zone

Attachment: Policy 6.2 Residential Use in the Agriculture Zone (tracked changes & clean copy)

Author: Manager Planning (J Blackwell)

Background

Council's Residential Use in the Agriculture Zone Policy has recently undergone its scheduled review and has been assessed by council staff.

The policy has been updated but remains fundamentally unchanged; it has been enhanced through streamlining and refinement for greater clarity and efficiency.

This policy ensures that residential development in the Agriculture Zone is only approved where it is genuinely required to support a viable agricultural business and protects agricultural land from incompatible residential use.

A tracked change version and a clean copy are attached for reference.

Consultation

Director, Development Services

Risk Implications

Regular review and monitoring of council policies will be undertaken to ensure compliance with relevant legislation, case law and advice.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Plan

S4.2: Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

Social Implications

Nil.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Assessment

The updated Residential Use policy within the Agriculture Zone remains fundamentally unchanged; it has been enhanced through streamlining and refinement for greater clarity and efficiency.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Other.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts Residential Use in the Agriculture Zone Policy (Policy 6.2).

DECISION:

17.6 Brighton Active Transport Strategy 2026-2036

Attachment(s): A - Brighton Active Transport Strategy 2026-2036

B – Engagement Summary

Author: Strategic Planner (B White)

Authorised: Director Development Services (A Woodward)

Background

To summarise and assess the outcomes of stakeholder engagement and endorse the Brighton Active Transport Strategy 2026- 2036 ('ATS') as amended.

Following Council's endorsement to proceed to community engagement at its June 2025 meeting, the draft ATS was publicly exhibited for comment, in an endeavour to understand:

- Whether there is general support for the identified vision and strategic objectives in the ATS.
- Whether there is support for the identified priority infrastructure projects.
- Whether the community has other ideas regarding future active transport upgrades not identified in the draft ATS.

Consultation

Consultation relating to the draft ATS occurred between 17 September 2025 to 15 October 2025.

A variety of methods were used during this time to understand stakeholders' views and are summarised as follows:

- Have your say website
- Survey
- Social Pinpoint Mapping
- Email submissions
- Corflute Posters along popular walking tracks routes across Brighton
- Social Media posts
- Key Stakeholder emails.

Project Delay Due to the Brighton and Pontville Local Area Plan

Council officers delayed finalising the ATS until the Brighton and Pontville Local Area Plan ('BPLAP'), being prepared by Mesh Planning, was sufficiently advanced and the community had an opportunity to comment on the additional active transport infrastructure identified through that project.

The draft ATS and consultation findings were provided to Mesh Planning and informed preparation of the BPLAP. Additional active transport projects identified through the BPLAP have subsequently been incorporated into the final ATS mapping and actions.

Council officers also engaged Mesh Planning to update the ATS mapping following feedback received during consultation, improving its clarity and usability.

Engagement Results Summary

A detailed discussion of the feedback received during consultation is provided as Attachment B.

The key findings are summarised as follows:

Strong Use of Active Transport

Most respondents already engage in active transport, with 74% walking or cycling daily or a few times a week. Walking for recreation (91%) and walking with a dog (70%) were the most common activities.

Safety is the Primary Constraint

Safety is the primary issue influencing participation. The lack of safe paths (87%) was the dominant barrier, followed by poor lighting or visibility (43%) and distance to destinations (22%). Respondents also identified missing ramps and incomplete paths as practical access issues.

This indicates that improving perceived and actual safety — particularly through better separation from traffic and safer crossings — is critical to increasing uptake.

Network Gaps and Connectivity Issues

Feedback consistently identified:

- missing or incomplete footpaths;
- gaps in the network;
- poor connections between residential areas and destination.

The effectiveness of the network is currently constrained by disconnected routes, requiring a stronger focus on completing missing links and improving continuity.

Preference for Low-Stress Infrastructure

There is a strong preference for infrastructure that separates users from traffic. Respondents favoured:

- Physical separation from vehicles.
- Shared paths.

Mixing with traffic was the least preferred option, with 76% ranking it lowest. This reinforces the importance of prioritising safer, lower-stress environments where possible.

Strategic Priorities

Respondents placed highest priority on:

- Improving safety and connectivity.
- Providing supporting infrastructure (lighting, wayfinding, parking).
- Requiring active transport infrastructure in new development.
- Increasing awareness and participation.

These priorities align strongly with the direction of the Draft Strategy.

Response to Feedback

The final ATS has considered the feedback as follows.

Issue	Summary	Response
<i>Safety and Crossings</i>	Safety, particularly at crossings and along major road corridors, was consistently identified as the primary barrier to active transport participation.	In response, the Strategy prioritises: • improved pedestrian crossing infrastructure • safer route design • expanded shared path infrastructure This includes alignment with the Brighton and Pontville Local Area Plan (BPLAP), which identifies crossing improvements and streetscape upgrades within the Brighton activity centre.
<i>Network Gaps</i>	Feedback identified that sections of the active transport network are incomplete, limiting connectivity between residential areas, activity centres and key destinations.	In response, the Strategy prioritises: • completion of missing links • improved connections between residential areas, schools, activity centres and open space • strengthening of river and shared path corridors
<i>Infrastructure Type</i>	There is a strong preference for infrastructure that provides separation from traffic and reduces exposure to higher-speed road environments.	In response, the Strategy prioritises infrastructure that provides a low-stress environment suitable for a wide range of users. While fully separated cycling infrastructure is preferred, shared paths are considered the most feasible delivery model in many locations, having regard to road constraints and available corridors. Higher levels of separation will be considered during detailed design where feasible.
<i>Rural Living Areas</i>	A number of submissions requested improvements to active transport infrastructure within Rural Living areas.	The Strategy focuses on serviced residential areas, activity centres and key connection corridors. Targeted improvements, including trail connections, will continue to be considered where they support broader network connectivity.

<i>Mapping Clarity</i>	Feedback indicated that the draft mapping was difficult to interpret and did not clearly communicate priorities.	In response, the mapping has been updated to: • clearly identify and number priority routes and actions • improve readability • align with other Council strategic planning projects
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Updated/ Additional Actions

The final project list in the ATS has been updated to take into account feedback received during consultation and/or projects added to the BPLAP:

- Weily Park Road investigation
- Midland Highway shared path connection
- Brighton Road shared path projects
- BPLAP crossing projects
- Racecourse Road project
- Brooke Street project
- Cartwright/Glen Lea/Cameron Road connection

Risk Implications

There is a risk that the community, in reading the ATS, will think that the actions recommended will be immediately implemented, resulting in expectations that may not be met. This potential misconception is addressed through specifying 'Short', 'Medium' and 'Long Term' actions in the ATS.

Financial Implications

Addressing the actions in the ATS will result in financial costs for implementation. Each action will need to be considered in conjunction with Council's Long Term Asset Management Plan, and annual budget. Some actions will be dependent on external grant funding in order to be achieved.

Strategic Plan

The ATS accords with the Brighton Council Strategy 2023-2033 as follows:

- 1.1 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.
- 1.2 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities
- 2.2 Encourage respect and enjoyment of the natural environment
- 2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long-term sustainability and evidence-based approach
- 3.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary need
- 4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking

Social Implications

Strategic consideration of council's open space network and ongoing maintenance will play a significant role in increasing the community's physical and mental health by reducing stress, promoting physical activity and fostering social interaction.

Assessment

Brighton's existing active transport network features a network of footpaths, riverside trails and shared paths suitable for a range of active transport modes of travel.

Feedback received during consultation points to the importance the community places on having safe and connected pathway system across the municipality. This feedback was shared with Mesh who integrated it into the BPLAP.

The ATS provides the strategic framework to guide the planning and management of active transport infrastructure in Brighton's urban areas over the next ten years and beyond. The strategy incorporates best practice guidance for the future design of those identified infrastructure upgrades as well as a host other non-infrastructure related actions to encourage more people to engage in active transport. Quality active transport infrastructure improves social connection, helps to reduce transport emissions, improves mental health and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Engagement with residents during consultation on this project and others shows that the existing active transport infrastructure within the municipality is valued and that the efforts Council has made with connecting our main residential areas to activity centres and open space is appreciated.

Nonetheless, the key issue raised during consultation was gaps in the pathway network. The revised ATS has added additional pathway upgrades to address these concerns and incorporates improved mapping to clearly communicate the proposed network and priority actions.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- A. Note the Engagement Summary; and
- B. Endorse the Brighton Active Transport Strategy 2026 – 2036.

DECISION:

17.7 Brighton Hub Structure Plan - Opportunities, Constraints, Desktop Analysis & Preferred Structure Plan

Attachment(s):	A – Brighton Hub Structure Plan – Opportunities, Constraints Desktop Analysis & Preferred Structure Plan B – Preferred Structure Plan C – Circular Economy Memo D – Digital Infrastructure Memo E - Supply and Demand Report
Author:	Strategic Planner (B White)
Authorised:	Director Development Services (A Woodward)

Background

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Brighton Hub Structure Plan – Opportunities, Constraints, Desktop Analysis and Preferred Structure Plan (**"Stage 4 Deliverables"**) for stakeholder engagement.

The Brighton Hub (**"the Hub"**) Structure Plan (**"BHSP"**) project aims to provide an evidence-based framework to guide future growth, development and investment within the Brighton Hub to 2046. The structure plan translates policy directions from all levels of government into a locally responsive framework and provides the strategic basis for the Hub to realise its full potential as Southern Tasmania's most important industrial land asset and Brighton Council's key economic development precinct.

The preparation of a structure plan for the Hub was a key recommendation of the Statewide Industrial Land Study, which informed the preparation of the updated Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (**"STRLUS"**). The Statewide Industrial Land Study identified the strategic importance of the Brighton Hub and recommended the preparation of a structure plan to support coordinated land release, infrastructure planning, the safeguarding of strategically important industrial land in proximity to the intermodal transport hub, and long-term industrial development and economic growth.

The Statewide Industrial Study also identified strong opportunities for the Hub in circular economy, hydrogen, and advanced manufacturing.

Currently, there is no local strategic planning framework in place to guide the long-term growth and development of the Hub. While development is assessed under the General Industrial Zone provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, these provisions do not provide a coordinated framework for land use planning, infrastructure delivery, staging of development, or the protection of key strategic assets – such as proximity to rail. There is therefore a clear need for a higher level strategic planning framework, informed by best practice land use and economic development principles, to guide future growth and investment and provide the basis for implementation through the Brighton Local Provisions Schedule, including the potential preparation of a Specific Area Plan.

Niche Planning Studio ("Niche") were engaged by Council and Building Tasmania (formerly Department of State Growth) to prepare the BHSP and has now completed the Stage 4 Deliverables for the second round of stakeholder engagement.

Opportunities, Constraints and Desktop Analysis

Niche and their sub-consultants have now completed the **Stage 4 Deliverables**, comprising:

- a) Opportunities and Constraints Desktop Analysis (Niche);
- b) Preferred Structure Plan on a Page (Niche).
- c) Industrial Land Supply and Demand Assessment (Urban Enterprise);
- d) Circular Economy Memo (prepared by Alexandra Faure, Niche);
- e) Digital Infrastructure Memo (prepared by Alexandra Faure, Niche);

The Stage 4 Deliverables were also informed by an *existing conditions infrastructure assessment* prepared by Pitt & Sherry. This report will be updated following the second round of consultation to consider infrastructure requirements of the final structure plan recommendations.

Overall, the Opportunities and Constraints Analysis and Desktop Review identified the following key strategic implications for the Brighton Hub:

- Brighton Hub is southern Tasmania's most important industrial land asset, and one that is under increasing pressure to perform, given it will likely absorb a significant portion of the unmet demand for industrial land in Greater Hobart up to 2046;
- The Hub's strategic location makes it ideal for regionally and state significant transport and export- orientated businesses operating in the freight, transport, distribution, logistics, civil construction and manufacturing sectors;
- The Brighton Hub currently has a significant amount of zoned land that is theoretically 'development ready' to meet projected demand for ~19 years. However, much of the broad acre zoned land in the northwest is constrained for further development due to limited infrastructure capacity and concentrated land ownership. Therefore, future investigation areas beyond the existing Hub boundaries are considered warranted within the life of the plan;
- TasWater and TasNetworks servicing limitations are already impacting the precinct's ability to attract and accommodate growth;
- The current pattern of subdivision in the Hub with smaller lots nearby to the Brighton Transport Hub risks jeopardising the strategic use of these areas for industries that required proximity to rail;
- There is growing demand for industrial lots between 2 and 4 hectares in size;
- Multiple policy documents identify the Brighton Hub as a location suited to circular economy land uses. Future planning should consider how local provisions in the planning scheme can encourage and accommodate circular economy uses, including waste recovery, energy recovery, remanufacturing and research and

development functions, without undermining the precinct's core freight and logistics role;

- There are opportunities for provision of innovative digital and telecommunications infrastructure to be encouraged in future planning provisions (most likely at the subdivision stage);
- The governance model arrangements recommended in the Brighton Hub Place Making Strategy should be progressed to support the ongoing development of significant circular economy opportunities within the Hub;
- Land outside the current Hub boundaries to the west is mapped as containing native vegetation, some of which is protected under both state and federal environmental laws. Any future expansion of the Hub must consider this constraint;
- The Hub's development potential is shaped on multiple sides by sensitive interfaces such as the existing lower density residential uses to the south and north.

Preferred Structure Plan on a Page

The preferred structure plan is provided as Figure 1 below and within Attachment A and B.

Key elements of the preferred structure plan are:

- Identification of a series of industrial precincts including:
 - a preferred rail related industry precinct with larger lot sizes west of the Brighton Transport Hub;
 - light industrial land adjacent to existing Rural Living zoned land;
 - a transition precinct north of Lukaarlia Drive between smaller industrial lots and rail-related industry areas;
 - a circular economy precinct along Crooked Billet Drive;
 - Standard industrial lots elsewhere within the Hub.
- Identification of investigation areas proposed for future industrial expansion, subject to further planning and environmental assessment;
- Active transport infrastructure, including shared pathways and recreational links to improve connectivity within and around the Hub;
- Stormwater management measures, including possible future detention basins and drainage infrastructure to support future development;
- Environmental considerations, including protection of native vegetation, biodiversity values and areas subject to natural constraints.

Next Stage of Consultation

The next stage of consultation is to release the Stage 4 Deliverables to stakeholders for a 4-week consultation period.

Stakeholders will be invited to participate in the engagement via:

- Letters to all landowners/ tenants within the Brighton Hub and on adjoining land;
- Emails to state agencies and infrastructure providers;
- Council's Have Your Say page;
- Social media posts;
- Direct contact with the 'Community Reference Group' that attended the first round of stakeholder engagement.

Stakeholders will be able to provide feedback via:

- Survey on Council's Have Your Say Page;
- Written/ email submissions;
- Participation in the 'Community Reference Group'.

Next Steps after Engagement

- Council officers and Niche will summarise survey results and submissions received;
- A summary of feedback will be uploaded to the Have Your Say Page;
- Feedback will be used to prepare final structure plan report.

Risk implications

There are no significant risks with exhibiting the documents for consultation. One potential minor risk is stakeholder expectations that the preferred structure plan is immediately enforceable under the planning scheme.

However, future rezoning applications will be required for the final structure plan to have any statutory weight.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from endorsing the Stage 4 Deliverables for stakeholder engagement.

Strategic plan

The Brighton Hub Structure Plan aligns with Brighton Council's Strategic Plan 2023–2033, including:

Goal 1 Inspire a community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age

- 1.1 Engage with and enable our community.

- 1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.

Goal 2 Ensure a sustainable environment

- 2.1 Acknowledge and respond to the climate change and biodiversity emergency.
- 2.2 Encourage respect and enjoyment of the natural environment.
- 2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long term sustainability and evidence-based approach.

Goal 3 Manage Infrastructure and growth effectively

- 3.2 Infrastructure development and service delivery are guided by strategic planning to cater for the needs of a growing and changing population.
- 3.4 Advocate and facilitate investment in our region.

Goal 4 Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring council

- 4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking.

Social implications

Endorsing the Stage 4 Deliverables for stakeholder engagement will enable public involvement in the planning system which is a key objective of the Resource Management and Planning System of Tasmania.

Economic implications

There are no immediate economic implications arising from the recommendation. However, the Brighton Hub Structure Plan seeks to support long term economic development, employment growth and industrial investment within the municipality.

Environmental or climate change implications

There are no direct environmental or climate change implications arising from endorsing the Stage 4 Deliverables for engagement. Environmental considerations form part of the structure planning process and will continue to be investigated as the project progresses.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

The Stage 4 Deliverables are an appropriate evidence base for stakeholder engagement and provide a sound basis for testing the preferred structure plan with stakeholders.

The technical investigations undertaken by Niche and its subconsultants demonstrate that the Brighton Hub is likely to play an increasingly important role in meeting industrial land demand across Greater Hobart and southern Tasmania over the next 20 years. The investigations also identify several strategic challenges, including infrastructure constraints, land fragmentation, protection of strategic freight related land, and environmental considerations.

The preferred structure plan provides a high level framework to guide discussion with stakeholders on these matters and to test whether the proposed precincts, infrastructure priorities and future investigation areas appropriately respond to the opportunities and constraints identified through the project.

The Stage 4 Deliverables are intended for stakeholder engagement so that landowners, government agencies, infrastructure providers and the wider community can provide feedback before preparation of the final structure plan.

Options

1. As per the recommendation; or
 2. Do not endorse the Brighton Hub Structure Plan Stage 4 Deliverables for stakeholder engagement; or
 3. Other.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the Brighton Hub Structure Plan Stage 4 Deliverables for stakeholder engagement for a period of approximately 4 weeks.

DECISION:

17.8 Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) - 2026 General Management Committee By-Election

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (J Banks)

Background

Due to Mayor Paula Wriedt's recent resignation from the LGAT General Management Committee, a vacancy now exists for the position of General Management Committee Member (Southern District having a population of more than 20, 000).

As a Southern District Council, Brighton has been provided with a ballot paper for election of a General Management Committee Member.

The following candidates have been nominated:-

GMC Member (*Southern Electoral District - more than 20,000*)

- Heather CHONG - City of Clarence
<https://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/your-council/how-council-works/councillors/>
- Tim MARKS – Glenorchy City Council
<https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/your-council/currently-elected/elected-members/>

Consultation:

N/A

Risk Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Plan:

4.2 Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community

Social Implications:

Nil

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

Nil

Economic Implications:

Nil

Other Issues:

Nil

Assessment:

The sealed and signed ballot paper envelope is to be completed by the Mayor of each member council and received by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission by 10am on Tuesday, 11th August 2026.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the ballot paper for the position of LGAT General Management Committee member be completed, signed and returned to the Tasmanian Electoral Commission by the 11th August 2026.

DECISION:

17.9 Delegations - Local Government (Regulations) 2025

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (J Banks)

Background

Council's current Instrument of Delegation for tenders referred to the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*. These Regulations were amended in 2025 so the purpose of this report is to reflect the change in the year on the Instrument.

Legislation enables Council to delegate some of its functions to assist in the smooth and efficient running of Council affairs.

In order for Council to make a valid delegation, legislation requires:-

- a) Council must have authority from legislation to delegate the Function
- b) The legislation must allow Council to delegate the Function to the Delegate
- c) Council must resolve to make the delegation
- d) Council must resolve to seal and Instrument of Delegation

In addition, Council may resolve to allow the delegate to sub-delegate the Function.

Consultation:

Nil

Risk Implications:

Council may incur legal costs if demonstrated that Council's delegation/s are invalid.

Financial Implications:

None, unless delegations are deemed invalid and action is taken against Council.

Strategic Plan

S4.2: Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

Social Implications

Nil.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Assessment:

Council's Tender Policy AP08 was updated in 2015 to reflect amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*.

The delegation now needs to be updated to reflect the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025*.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. That the Delegation not be adopted.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to delegate the following functions and powers to the General Manager in accordance with Section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and that the General Manager sub-delegate functions and powers in accordance with Section 64 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and if at any time the General Manager is unable to act, Council delegates the Function to the person acting as the General Manager at the time.

Local Government (General) Regulations 2025

1.	S.24(3) – Public Tenders	In accordance with Policy AP08
2.	S.26(1) – Multiple-use register	In accordance with Policy AP08
3.	S.27(1) – Multiple-stage tender	In accordance with Policy AP08
4.	S.46 Plan of boundaries of towns	

The Delegations are made on the following conditions:

1. The Delegation is subject to the conditions or restrictions (if any) outlined in the table above.
2. The Delegation is subject to such policies, policy guidelines and directions as the authority may from time to time approve.
3. The Delegation is subject to the Council's by-laws or the provisions of any Act.
4. That the general Instruments of Delegation in relation to the Act listed above be signed and sealed by the authority.

DECISION:

18. Closed Meeting

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public to deal with the following item:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Closed under:</u>
18.1 –CEO Performance Review – 2025/26	17(2)(a)

DECISION:

18.1 Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review - 2025/26

Authorisation to Move Out of Closed Session & Release of Information to the Public**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, having met and dealt with its business formally moves out of Closed Session and resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Agenda item	Matter	Outcome
18.1	CEO Performance Review – 2025/26	

DECISION: